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CAISO OKs Day-Ahead Market Enhancements, Transmission Plan

The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) leadership on May 18 approved new enhancements to its day-ahead market that were developed over four years, but CAISO is getting some criticism over late-stage changes to the rules.

The CAISO Board of Governors at the same meeting approved a \$7.3 billion updated transmission plan, a reduction from a previous \$9 billion proposal.

The day-ahead market enhancements approved by the board were developed with market participants through an extensive process. The initiative is meant to address net load forecast uncertainty between the day-ahead and real-time markets, as well as the system ramping needs not addressed by hourly schedules or committed capacity in the day-ahead markets.

It is also designed to maintain reliability by reducing out-of-market actions. Additionally, it is meant to improve the supply commitment of the residual-unit commitment process used in the day-ahead market when cleared physical supply differs from a balancing authority area's load forecast.

"The increasing prevalence of variable energy resources, critical to meeting renewable energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, has introduced additional uncertainty and variability," CAISO Vice President of Market Policy